# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

# FISCAL MEMORANDUM



HB 1653 – SB 1999

March 1, 2016

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes reimbursement to general sessions courts for court costs in criminal cases in which the defendant is indigent. Requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to pay any bill of costs or other fees owed to a county within 60 days of the bill being submitted.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$890,600

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012974):** Deletes all language of the original bill. Requires the DOC to pay any bill of costs or other fees owed to a county within 120 days of the date the bill is submitted.

### FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

#### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Information from the DOC indicates that the average time for paying a bill of cost is 120 days.
- It is assumed that the DOC can accommodate the requirement of the bill as amended within existing resources.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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